**Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.**— The question is whether they are aware of the state of crops; the answer is, the monsoon was not a failure.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—The answer to (1) in the question is "Yes."

## Meenchadi Toll Gate.

**36. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the toll-gate keeper at Meenchadi is collecting tolls for transporting paddy, manure, etc., to the adjacent agricultural places such as Kattukonam, Anandali, Thachkora, etc.;

(ii) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to issue orders to the contractor not to collect tolls from the adjacent agriculturists who transport their agricultural produce through the toll;

(iii) will the Government be pleased to remove the present Meenchadi toll-gate to a furlong south to enable the agriculturists to transport their produce without any friction between the contractor and the parties?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—(i) Yes.

(ii) Government cannot issue such orders as conveyances carrying agricultural produce are not exempted from payment of tolls under the rules.

(iii) No.

## Appointment—Jews—Police Department.

**37. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received applications for posts of Inspector of Police from members of the Jewish community of Cochin;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state, whether they will be pleased to appoint the applicants in view of the fact that there is not a single Jew in the Police Department;

(c) whether any member of other unrepresented communities, without the necessary qualifications, has been appointed as Inspector with the sanction of the Diwan?

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